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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, National Intelligence Council

FROM: National Intelligence Officer for Strategic Programs

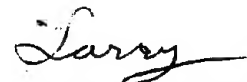
SUBJECT: Discussion on Soviet Air Defense Between DCI and SecDef
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I received a call at 2:00 p.m. from Colonel Joe Eibling of the Office of Secretary of Defense, (USDR&E), referring to the discussion of 2 November between DCI and SecDef on Soviet air defense. He asked me about a remark attributed to me that the DoD model used for bomber penetration calculations was not too good. (I had discussed this problem in my 30 October memo to DCI). DoD is concerned that this observation is related to the flap last week regarding [redacted] testimony. I told him that my observations on the model were a reflection of common wisdom in DoD about the state of air defense analysis, and are not tied into any particular judgment on B-52/B-1 relative penetrability.

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It seems that DoD is still suspicious that we are not being forthcoming on what we think and say about air defense and the B-1. Colonel Eibling, whom I know from my PA&E days, will write a note to Dr. DeLauer explaining that my remarks were more general, were not meant to justify our statements of last week, and should not be the source of great concern, since the analyses certainly could stand some improvement.

Colonel Eibling will attend the Air Defense meeting on Thursday, 5 November. I think this meeting should help allay some of DoD's concerns about our motives.



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